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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow on page 20 of this paper.